January 8, 1954

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brigham:

I have, of course, ordered a copy of your coming publication but there is a fact or two I would appreciate at the present time in connection with some research work I am doing, namely, what Massachusetts currency issues were engraved by Paul Revere. I am interested both in the denominations you believe he did as well as the date of the issue. If this is not too inconvenient for you, I would very much appreciate knowing.

If there are any specimens of his paper money which you wish to illustrate and which you are not already planning to illustrate, I believe I can locate, in my own collection, or in that of personal friends of mine, any other items you may wish.

Thank you for your cooperation and congratulations on the scope of your fine work.

Sincerely yours,

aERIC P. NEWMAN

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
WORCESTER, MASS., U.S.A.
Clarence S. Brigham, Director

January 11, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In my chapter on Paul Revere's engraving of paper money I have found half a dozen issues engraved by him and of course many denominations for each issue. It is rather too long a task for me to send all this information from the chapter on paper money which takes 33 pages. I have specimens of every issue for reproduction, in fact nearly all of them in our own collection of early paper currency, which covers all of the States before 1783 and numbers about 2400 specimens.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Clarence S. Brigham

CSB.:j Director

Paul Revere's Engravings

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE circle of connoisseurs of American Art who have long awaited the appearance of the fruit of Clarence S. Brigham's thirty years of study of the engravings by Paul Revere the American Antiquarian Society with satisfaction announces this volume. It is not only the most detailed and authoritative work of its kind, but also a beautiful volume in its own right. A large quarto, handsomely and substantially manufactured by the Harvard University Printing Office and the Meriden Gravure Company, it does justice to its subject.

Each print is fully described and authenticated, and is reproduced in exact size of original. A far greater number of prints are shown than have ever been listed in previous books on the subject. The engraved prints reproduced number seventy-five, with ten additional reproductions of leaves of engraved volumes, or versos of prints such as paper money. The English originals of copper-plate engravings copied by Revere number twenty-two. The woodcuts which he made for newspapers, pamphlets, and broadsides, nearly all of which are unsigned, number twenty-three. The early engravings made by copying his originals number nine. This makes a total of 139 reproductions, in full size or original. Three of the plates are folded. Five are in color, as originally issued.

Many of the engravings shown have never been reproduced before. Besides the famous prints, such as the Landing of the Troops and the Boston Massacre, this volume contains reproductions of the caricatures, bookplates, Masonic engravings, paper money, and the woodcuts which he made for newspapers, pamphlets, and broadsides. The last group, all but one unsigned, are reproduced for the first time.

Accompanying each engraving is Mr. Brigham's history of the design and his evidence for identifying it as the work of Revere. Often this is an absorbing story. For the first time he identifies and reproduces the English originals from which Revere pirated his work, and he reproduces all of the important engravings copied from Revere, and documents their history. No one who buys or sells prints should do so without consulting this book.

Mr. Brigham has worked primarily in the print collection of the American Antiquarian Society, which owns all but two of the original Revere engravings; but he has also studied nearly every known copy of every important print, and for reproduction has used the best surviving example. Besides the evidence of the prints themselves, he has studied Revere's manuscript Day Books and accounts, and indeed every other shred of evidence which thirty years of research has been able to turn up. In very few volumes which have come from the American press has there been such a happy combination of scholarship and distinction in printing.

There is a certain amount of magic attached to the name of Paul Revere. His career as a patriot during the Revolution, his rides to carry messages and to alarm the people, his craftsmanship as a silversmith, his importance as a caricaturist and engraver, his prominence as a Mason, and his manufacture of copper and of bells are incidents of a noteworthy life. In no field have his achievements been so inadequately recorded as in the field of engraving, notably in his designs for colonial paper money and his many woodcuts. His dependence upon English originals for the majority of his prints has never been satisfactorily explained. These deficiencies the present volume attempts to remedy. One of the most valuable features of the book is the attribution to Revere of prints and illustrations which have hitherto been regarded as anonymous engravings.

The volume will be issued in large quarto, 12¼ by 9⅜ inches, to cover the size of the quarto prints. The size of the page and the type set-up will be the same as this announcement. On the opposite leaf is a sample page of text. On the last leaf are printed the terms of subscription.

Sample Page

The Obelisk, 1766

QUITE the scarcest of Revere's large engravings is his "View of the Obelisk," as it is known by only one copy. When Samuel G. Drake published his *History and Antiquities of Boston* in 1856, the only copy of the print which he could find was owned by John F. Eliot (p. 722). It descended to his nieces, Misses Emily B. and Mary L. Eliot of Roxbury, and later of Cambridge. Upon Mary Eliot's death in 1927, the print was bequeathed to the American Antiquarian Society. No other copy of the original print can be traced today.

The story of the erection of the Obelisk and the celebration for the repeal of the Stamp Act is told in full in the newspapers of the day. The Act was repealed March 18, 1766, but not until May 16 did the news reach Boston. The *Boston Gazette* of May 19, 1766, announced that the news of the repeal had been officially received and that the evening of that day would be given to public rejoicing. It also stated that there would "be exhibited on the Common, an Obelisk — A Description of which is engraved by Mr. Paul Revere; and is now selling by Edes & Gill." . . .

The print is entitled "A View of the Obelisk erected under Liberty-Tree in Boston on the Rejoicings for the Repeal of the — Stamp Act 1766." Underneath is a long dedication to "every Lover of Liberty," and the plate is signed "Paul Revere Sculp." It shows the portraits, poetry and allegorical views on each of the four sides of the Obelisk. Since these elaborate details are shown in the reproduction, they are not repeated here. . . .

The size of the print, to the border lines, is 9⅜ inches high, by 13¼ inches wide. The original copper-plate of the Obelisk print is still in existence today. When Revere, a few years later, was commissioned to engrave a Masonic certificate, he found that the Obelisk copper was the right size and used the reverse for his Masonic print. I believe that this design was made about 1773 and altered in 1796. The original bill for the latter design is in the Gay collection in the Harvard Library. The bill reads: —

Elias Perkins — Boston Jan^{y} 4, 1796.
Bo't of Paul Revere
One Engrav^{d} Copper-plate for Mason Certificates — £6.00
Receiv^{d} pay
Paul Revere

Terms of Subscription

NO EFFORT will be made to circulate this book through trade channels, and only the approximate number for which there are advance subscriptions will be printed. It is estimated that the edition will be about two thousand, which is the break-even point for the cost of manufacture. It is expected that the work will be issued late in 1954.

The enclosed return postcard provides for two forms of subscription. Those who desire to place subscriptions immediately, for any number of copies, will receive the volume at the time of publication and be billed at $15.00 a copy. Those who use this card to express an intention to subscribe will have a copy reserved for them at the $15.00 price and will be notified when it is ready, but will not be held in any way responsible if they do not reply further. Upon the day of publication, the price of the volume will be set at $25.00 and the volumes not taken by previous subscription will be sold at that price. This same method of subscription was used in the publication by the American Antiquarian Society of Mr. Brigham's *History and Bibliography of American Newspapers*, and the work went out of print two months after publication and now commands a high premium.

No discount will be given to libraries or to the trade. Booksellers may order as many copies as they wish, at $15.00 per copy, with the understanding that the price of the work, for the copies remaining, will be raised to $25.00 after subscriptions have been filled.

Since this volume will be printed according to the highest standards of typography, and will include reproductions of 139 prints, it will be seen that the price is unbelievably low. If published commercially the initial cost would be at least thirty dollars. As the book is destined to be a work of lasting reference value, and will not be reprinted for years to come, it will be necessary to take immediate advantage of the preliminary low offer.

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

Worcester, Massachusetts

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
WORCESTER, MASS., U.S.A.
Clarence S. Brigham, Director

February 2, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your friendly letter regarding my book on Paul Revere. I examined the New Hampshire manuscript records regarding the engraving of paper currency and could not find proof that it was engraved by Revere. It is well possible that some engraver copied the Revere design which of course would have been very easy to do. Therefore I did not include it.

We already have a sheet of the reprints of the New Hampshire issues, made from the original plate.

Yours sincerely,

Clarence S. Brigham

CSB.S

Director

American Antiquarian Society
WORCESTER 9, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

Clifford K. Shipton, Librarian

October 8, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
Executive Offices
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We have a few copies left of the reprint of Albert C. Bates' Connecticut's Engraved Bills of Credit, 1709-1746, and we can send you one for $1 net. We regret to say, however, that Nathaniel Paine's Remarks on the Early Paper Currency of Massachusetts is out of print.

Sincerely yours,

Clifford K. Shipton

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October 30, 1956

American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 9, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. Shipton

In accordance with your letter of October 8, 1956, I am enclosing $2.00 for two copies of Bates' Connecticut's Engraved Bills of Credit. I would like to have a copy for a friend of mine as well as for myself.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Enc. ck.

November 20, 1956

American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Massachusetts

Attention: Mr.Shipton

Gentlemen:

Item 6495 in Evans' List of American Printed Items is a broadside of 1750 published in Boston entitled "An Exact Table to Bring Old Tenor into Lawful Money, etc." Do your records happen to show who owns this item or have you any suggestions as to where I can get a copy of the same? I very much need it in connection with a paper I am writing on copper coinage in Colonial America.

I am also looking for two other items which are not listed in Evans and which do not seem to have an author. One is entitled "On the Scarity of Copper Coin", 18 pages, published in 1739. The other is entitled "Some cautions Concerning the Copper Coin" published in 1751, 19 pages. Have you any indication as to where either of these pamphlets could be located?

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

American Antiquarian Society
WORCESTER 9, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

Clifford K. Shipton, Librarian

November 23, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
Executive Offices: 400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

The unique broadside of Evans 6495 is in The Library of Congress and is reproduced in the Early American Imprints series, of which I think you can see a set at the Washington University Library. The American Antiquarian Society has two recorded pamphlet printings of the same material.

Although we are engaged in compiling a supplement to Evans, we have never heard of the 1729 pamphlet, On the Scarcity of Copper Coin, and the 1751 pamphlet, Some Cautions Concerning the Copper Coin. We would be glad to have your references indicating the existence of these titles.

Sincerely yours,

Clifford K. Shipton

CKS:g

November 29, 1956

Mr. C. K. Shipton
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Shipton:

Reference is made to your letter of November 23, 1956, in which you stated that Evans 6495 is reproduced on microcards in the Early American Imprint Series. I went to Washington University Library, who subscribe to that series and there is no card covering this item in Evans. They have, of course, received the most recent box of cards which would contain this particular item.

Would you be kind enough to recheck this matter and advise me.

If the unrecorded pamphlet printings of the same material which you own contain the same text as the broadside then I might get my information from that source.

Thank you, so much, for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

November 26, 1956

Mr. Clifford K. Shipton
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Shipton:

Thank you very much for advising me with respect to the broadside of Evans 6495.

You asked me where I got my information as to the existence of the 1739 pamphlet entitled "On the Scarcity of Copper Coin" and on the 1751 pamphlet "Some Cautions Concerning the Copper Coin". Both of these I found in Numismatic Bibliography, by F. C. Sigler, 1951. They are listed as items 3064 and 3096, (also 2965) in his list.

The Library of Congress just informed me that the 1739 pamphlet was listed in the National Union Catalog as being in the collections of Princeton, Harvard and the University of Cincinnati. Our Public Library in St. Louis is unable to find this reference in the National Union card index which we have here. I have written to Harvard and will advise you with respect to this item.

As to the 1751 pamphlet, I have no information other than the Sigler list and I am writing to Mr.Sigler in the hopes he can throw some light on the matter.

In your compilation of your supplement to Evans, I am wondering whether you have found any more material with respect to early American coinage and paper currency. If you have would you be kind enough to give me a description of the items.

I am enclosing for your library, copies of two of the articles I have written on early American numismatics and there will be three more which will come out this winter. If you already have the enclosed Coin Collector's Journal on the 1776 Continental Currency coinage and The Varieties of the Fugio cent, I would very much appreciate it if you would return it as my remaining supply is very limited.

Thank you, very much, for your prompt interest in my problems.

Sincerely yours,

RPW/atb

January 18, 1957

Mr. Clifford K. Shipton
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 2, Massachusetts

Dear Mr.Shipton:

Referring to your letter to me of November 23, 1956, I wish to acknowledge that you are right. The two pamphlets "On the Scarcity of Copper Coin", published in 1739 and "Some Cautions Concerning the Copper Coin", published in 1751, are not American. Harvard University has copies of each, the former is published in Edinburgh and the latter in London.

I have found a squib in the Essex Journal and the Massachusetts and New Hampshire General Advertiser of March 29, 1786 concerning copper coins. It has a date line, Worcester, March 13, 1786 and a copy is enclosed.

Would you be kind enough to look into the Massachusetts Spy around that date to see whether a longer article on the subject was published? I have been desperately trying to find out information concerning the counterfeiting of copper coins out of base metal which, apparently, went on in Massachusetts from 1784 through 1786 and probably took place at Nehoboth. Rhode Island even passed a law to prevent the circulation of these counterfeits. The word "Bungtown", apparently, originated as a nickname for Nehoboth because it was the source of these coins. Would you give this inquiry ten minutes of your time?

No doubt your library has received the publication I wrote for the American Numismatic Society on "Coinage for Colonial Virginia" and I will send you my latest publication "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War" just as soon as its serial publication is completed.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

American Antiquarian Society
WORCESTER 9, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

Clifford K. Shipton, Librarian

January 28, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the article from the Massachusetts Spy. I read with great interest your article on the "Coinage for Colonial Virginia," practically all of which was news to me. I shall look forward with great interest to your article on the "Counterfeit Continental Currency."

Sincerely yours,

Clifford K. Shipton

CKS:g

Enclosure

January 31,1957

Mr. Clifford K. Shipton
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Shipton:

Thank you, very much, for the excerpt from the Massachusetts Spy with respect to counterfeit copper coins. The additional material in that article will be very helpful.

I will not forget to send you a reprint of "Counterfeit Continental Currency".

There is one further question I have, namely, is there any newspaper of Colonial or early America period prior to 1780 which has an index similar to the one which the Virginia Gazette has? No doubt some of these indices may not be published but are available to you.

I am in a position tomake a technical correction on Evans No. 5178. From its content I have determined the date to be 1741 rather than 1743, there being no date indicated on the broadside. Library Company of Philadelphia has the original. If you need the technical reason for redating it I will be glad to give it to you.

Thank you, again, for your kindness and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

American Antiquarian Society
WORCESTER 9, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

Clifford K. Shipton, Librarian

February 4, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am sorry to say that there is no other colonial newspaper index comparable with that of the Virginia Gazette. And having been on the board which had to raise the money to pay for that one, I don't think there'll be another one like it.

Thanks for the note on Evans 5178; you are an authority on currency, so I'll take your word as to the dating and correct the revised Evans accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Clifford K. Shipton

CKS:g

September 11, 1959

American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 9, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I have found a very interesting item with respect to the Continental Congress paper money and I need your assistance to check it.

In Volume 5 of the "Historical Magazine" for March, 1861, page 71, there is an article entitled "Continental Money". Its subtitle is "An Explanation of the Devices on the Continental Bills of Credit". The Historical Magazine states that it is "From an Almanac published in 1777". It has occurred to me that you might have some almanacs published in 1776 and 1777 and that one of these might yield the information.

A similar article is in Force's "American Archives" without any indication of the source.

I have checked the Library of Congress reference list and the data ought to be in a Boston or Philadelphia almanac.

I shall be very grateful for your continued cooperation in connection with my numismatic research.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

September 14, 1959

Mr.Clarence S. Brigham
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 9, Mass.

Dear Mr.Brigham:

I asked you to help me in locating an almanac with an article explaining the devices on the Continental Bills of Credit. Please cancel this request as I now find the article was originally published in the Pennsylvania Magazine of December, 1775, and that the almanac, apparently, copied the information from that source.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

March 7, 1960

American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 9, Mass.

Gentlemen:

There is a reference in the "Historical Account of American Coinage", by John Hickcox, to a Colonel Reed, of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, who was supposed to have used some 1786 and 1787 coinage dies to make some coins.

In your County Histories, would it be possible for you to tell me who this Colonel Reed was and when he lived? I cannot tell whether the coins were struck at the time of their dating or were struck at a later date. Perhaps there is some history of the Reed family or some biographical material on this gentleman. I cannot tell whether his rank as a colonel was from the American Revolution, or from a later war. Perhaps there is someone you can refer me to who might be a member of his family.

I would be very grateful for your cooperation in starting me off in the right direction.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

bc:
Mr. Edward R. Barnsley

March 8, 1960

American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 9, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Max Slater was nice enough to ask you to arrange for a copy of the 1809 monograph on bank notes written by Jacob Perkins.

There would be no objection to having it microfilmed, or to have photocopies instead of photostats. In other words, any type of legible copy would be more than satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

February 13, 1961

American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 9, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I am obliged to come to Boston on business and if it is at all possible I would like to visit you. Would you be nice enough to tell me whether you are open on Saturday or any evenings, etc.

I would also appreciate knowing if you have an inventory of the collection of your early American paper money. I presume you have a separate inventory of the Spiro collection but wonder whether you have a general inventory covering all of your holdings.

I will appreciate a prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
Worcester 9, Massachusetts MARCUS A. McCORISON, *Librarian*

15 February 1961

Dear Mr. Newman:

Our normal hours are from nine to five, Monday through Friday, but if it proves to be impossible for you to visit the Library during those hours, we may be able to make other arrangements.

Our collection of currency is very conveniently arranged and can be inspected without the aid of a catalogue.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

M.k

March 10, 1961

Mr. Marcus A. McCorison, Librarian
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Avenue
Worcester 9, Mass.

Dear Mr. McCorison:

I wish to thank you for your cooperation with respect to my visit in connection with the examination of the superb Colonial Currency coinage collection belonging to your organization. I am only sorry I had such a limited time to study it.

As I explained to you, we would like, very much, to borrow the index volume for the purpose of making a copy of it and will return it promptly if you will be kind enough to send it.

In connection with a more efficient method of housing your collection, you will recall that we discussed the matter of cellulose acetate envelopes which could be put into books which are loose-leaf and which can be locked. I am enclosing a sample of the type which I developed a few yearsago for housing American paper money. You will note that this protects the items, makes them visible from both sides, and permits them to be handled without danger.

Cellulose acetate, apparently, does not break down in the course of years. The size for a specialized collection of early American currency might have to be varied so that two or three notes would fit into one envelope. Perhaps you would only want one piece in each evenlope. As soon as you have an opportunity to give this your consideration, please let us know and you will have our further cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By_____
Eric P. Newman, President

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
Worcester 9, Massachusetts MARCUS A. McCORISON, *Librarian*

10 March 1961

Dear Mr. Newman:

It was a pleasure to meet you and to have an opportunity to talk about our mutual numismatic collections. I hope you will be able to get back to the Library again within the near future.

Under separate cover, we are mailing to you the typewritten checklist of our currency collection, which I trust you will guard well and return as soon as is convenient.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

M.k

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
Worcester 9, Massachusetts MARCUS A. McCORISON, *Librarian*

15 March 1961

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for your letter of the tenth, enclosing the acetate envelope. I am quite interested in this means of filing our colonial currency and will want to look into the situation before coming to any definite decision.

Both Mr. Shipton and I appreciate your interest in our collection and your willingness to assist us.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

M.k

February 3, 1965

American Antiquarian Society
Worcester 9, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, and with many thanks, your lovely specimen of the 1717/27 New Hampshire one shilling note. It is genuine and I was very pleased to study the monogram GR on the back as well as other details which I consider of importance.

Apparently the AR monogram during the Queen Anne regime, was placed on the front of the note, and I could not understand the references to the "back plate" until I saw your note. I also find that the hog on your note was placed on the plates between 1725 and 1727 to prevent denominations from being raised.

All this will be in the catalogue I am preparing but I merely wanted to show you how important this note was to my research.

I may ask you for a few more notes, in due course, for study purposes, but certainly thank you for your cooperation with respect to this one. Please thank Mr. Shipton and yourself until I see whoever is being so cooperative.

I am enclosing, for your library, a recent article I wrote on the James II 1/24th Real for the American plantations.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 9, 1972

American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Avenue
Worcester, Mass.

Gentlemen:

For our numismatic library, we would like to obtain a copy of the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society at the special meeting of March 16, 1866. This consists of 117 pages. We already have in our library Nathaniel Paine's History of Massachusetts Money, which is generally the same material as published in the Proceedings, but it is our desire to have every publication relating to numismatics, if possible. The thought occurred to us that you might have an extra copy of this proceedings.

I, personally, enjoyed working at your organization from time to time and still continue to do numismatic research and writing on early American material. I am revising Early Paper Money of American for an edition to be available shortly before the American Revolutionary Bicentennial.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 31, 1973

American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I was told by John Alden of the Boston Public Library that Brighams "Paul Revere's Engravings" was being revised for republication.

I saw at the Boston Public Library the invoice of Paul Revere for printing 9,400 sheets of the 1779 issue of Massachusetts paper money which he refers to as October 16 (1778) issue. The issue dated 1779 was actually a substitution for part of the October 16, 1778 issue as Brigham points out. The number of sheets (9,400) shows Revere was referring to the new plate he cut as that conforms with the authorized total.

The conclusion, therefore, is that Revere printed the face of the bills which were from his engraved plates while the typeset backs were printed by Thomas Fleet with his printing press. I do not believe Revere had a printing press for typeset printing and perhaps neither Gill or Fleet engaged in printing from engraved plates.

The same conclusions appear to apply to the October 16, 1778 issue. Is there any invoice from Gill or Revere as to the printing of this issue?

I hope the above is helpful. Please give me your comments as I want to include the conclusions in my revision of "Early Paper Money of America".

Kindest regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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American Antiquarian Society

185 SALISBURY STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, 01609, U. S. A.

MARCUS A. McCORISON
DIRECTOR AND LIBRARIAN

18 September 1973

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please excuse the delay in this response to your letter of August 31. The information which you sent about the invoice of Paul Revere was relayed to the Society in 1957 by John Alden and was included in the second edition of Paul Revere's Engravings published by Athenaeum in 1969. You may wish to consult this edition to see if other additions were made to the chapter on currency.

Thank you very much for writing to us. Such thoughtfulness is helpful and is certainly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Georgia B. Bumgardner

Mrs. Georgia B. Bumgardner
Curator of Maps and Prints

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6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 30, 1973

Mrs. Georgia B. Bumgardner
Curator of Maps and Prints
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

Dear Mrs. Bumgardner:

In your letter of 18 September 1973 to us you indicated that the 1969 revision of "Paul Revere's Engravings" added the data which John Alden furnished. I have read the revision carefully. I now conclude from the amount of the charges that Revere printed the face of 1779 issue of paper money from Revere's engraved plates and Thomas Fleet printed the typeset backs. I conclude also that Edes or Gill might not have the skill and facilities to print from engraved plates. I feel sure that Revere did not print from set type and ornaments which Gill, Edes and Fleet did.

With whom do you think I could review this matter? I am revising my book, Early Paper Money of America, and want to be accurate in this regard.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 19, 1974

American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Avenue
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

Gentlemen:

Would you please send me the revised edition of Paul Revere's Engraving. I already have the original edition and need both.

Please bill Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society, 6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

American Antiquarian Society

185 SALISBURY STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, 01609, U. S. A.

April 23, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We did not publish the latest edition of Brigham's Revere's Engravings; rather Atheneum Press did.

The book has been remaindered and thus has been available at a bargain price. You might want to consult a local bookdealer that sells remaindered items.

Sincerely yours,

John B. Hench
Editor of Publications

H/d

617-227-0270
10½ Beacon

Old Corner Book Store
542 2313
50 Bromfield St.
Boston Mass

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 26, 1974

Old Corner Book Store
50 Bromfield Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Your firm has been suggested as a book store probably having some of the remainders of Revere's Engravings by Brigham. It was published by Atheneum Press.

Would you be nice enough to send one, along with your invoice.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

American Antiquarian Society

185 SALISBURY STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, 01609, U. S. A.

12 September 1974

Dear Mr. Ne man:

Enclosed is a Xerox of the back of the 1746 Rhode Island note. It is clearly dated 1747 which I guess is not what you hoped to find. If you wish to have it photographed, would you please let me know immediately, as the note needs to be backed with Japanese tissue.

Sincerely yours,

Georgia B. Bumgardner
Curator of Graphic Arts

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Replied to
9/17/74

American Antiquarian Society

185 SALISBURY STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, 01609, U. S. A.

February 17, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed is a Xerox of one of our pieces of Rhode Island currency. A gentleman from the Rhode Island Historical Society thought it was different from one you describe in your book and different from one in the collection at Rhode Island. However, it may well be nothing new to you.

The elegantly engraved bill for February 14, 1743 (sixpence) is signed under the anchor "T.I" which I assume stands for Thomas Johnston. Do you know if others are signed by him?

I hope your revision is coming along well. Is any date set for publication?

Sincerely yours,

Georgia B. Bumgardner

Georgia B. Bumgardner
Curator of Graphics

GBB/az

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 23, 1976

Ms. Georgia B. Bumgardner
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Street
Worcester, Mass. 01609

Dear Ms. Bumgardner:

Thank you for your interesting letter containing the Rhode Island currency observations.

The unredated 6d of February 14, 1743 which I have does not have the initials T. I. I presume that the initials must have been put on when the "1746" was added to the low denomination face plate. I have checked my pictures of examples of all issues from 1743 to 1747 and find no other T. I. on any other denomination, but I only know of perhaps 10 pieces altogether.

The dummy pages of my book are pouring in and I expect April, 1976 publication.

The Rhode Island Historical Society has been very helpful and whether data is new or not, it is gratefully received.

I wrote part and am editing the balance of a book for the American Numismatic Society for Spring publication, and thus I have my hands full of pleasuresome research.

Thank you for your fine help. I look forward to meeting you at any time our paths can cross.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609 U.S.A.

May 4, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

In the issue of our Proceedings due out in October we are expecting to publish 'A Note Concerning the Massachusetts-Bay Colony Seal' by John D. Cushing. We want to include illustrations of the seals printed on the 1690 Massachusetts 5 shilling note and the 1690 Massachusetts 20 shilling note, which are illustrated on pages 124 and 125, respectively, of your book The Early Paper Money of America (1967).

According to the author of our article (who is librian at Massachusetts Historical Society), the originals of these two bills have badly deteriorated in the last few years. Do you still have negatives or prints of these bills photographed from the originals? If so, we would be most grateful to you if we could borrow them. We need them rather quickly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John B. Hench
Editor of Publications

H/d

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 10, 1976

American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

Attention: Mr. John B. Hench

Gentlemen:

I was fortunate to find my negative of the face of the 5 Shilling 1690 Mass. note (from the Essex Institute Collection). It is enclosed. Please return it after it has served your purpose and if you can make a print or so for us it would be nice. The size of the original is as published in my book.

As to the 20 Shilling notes of 1690-91, these are all altered in denomination, but the seal is unaffected. You might rephoto my book illustration as I think you might get a godd result. I have only a xerox left here. My negative of that piece is at Whitman Publishing Co. and is being used for the Bicentennial edition of Early Paper Money of America. The Smithsonian Institution now has another original of the 20 Shilling and perhaps they will photo theirs for you.

We hope this is of help to you in answer to your request of May 4, 1976.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

American Antiquarian Society

185 SALISBURY STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, 01609, U. S. A.

May 13, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thanks so much for the negative. We will get it back to you as soon as we can (but probably not for several weeks).

Sincerely,

John B. Hench
Editor of Publications

H/d

American Antiquarian Society

185 SALISBURY STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, 01609, U. S. A.

June 29, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am returning your negative of the Massachusetts five-shilling note. When the 8 x 10 print comes back from the printer, I will send it to you.

Thanks very much for your cooperation. We are grateful.

Sincerely,

John B. Hench
Editor of Publications

H/d
encl:

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 7, 1977

American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Avenue
Worcester, MA 01609

Attn: Librarian

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the copies of your card covering the books of Laban Heath.

I have found a difference in one item. My 1877 12th edition Revised pocket edition is 47 pages plus 14 while yours is listed as 41 plus 14. Is this true or is it a typo error? If it is an error, please don't respond.

If it is true I will appreciate hearing.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Robert Voyon Toppan,

100 Years of Bank Note Engraving in U. S.

1795–1895

Pub by Amer Bk Co

in NY 1896



American Antiquarian Society

185 SALISBURY STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, 01609, U. S. A.

April 20, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have the honor to inform you that at its semiannual meeting held today in Worcester you were elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society. I hope that you will accept membership in the Society with attendant privileges and responsibilities which I trust you will find to be pleasurable and not unduly onerous. The members of the Society support its work through word and deed; contributions which are vitally important to the life of our ancient, learned society.

If this election is agreeable to you, may I have from you word of such acceptance, with your full name, mailing address, and highest academic degree?

Under separate cover, I am sending to you material which will explain, in part, our activities. It would be a pleasure to welcome you to the Society's library at any time, and I hope that you will find it convenient to come often.

Very truly yours,

James Russell Wiggins

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JAMES RUSSELL WIGGINS, PRESIDENT
BRUCE G. DANIELS, TREASURER
MARCUS A. McCORISON, DIRECTOR AND LIBRARIAN
FREDERICK E. BAUER, JR., ASSOCIATE LIBRARIAN
MARY V. C. CALLAHAN, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

April 25, 1977

Mr. James R. Wiggins, President
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Mr. Wiggins:

I am most gratified to be elected to membership in the American Antiquarian Society and thank you for that honor.

My full name and address is Eric Pfeiffer Newman, 6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63105. My highest degree is Doctor of Jurisprudence.

My work has taken me to your library in the past and I hope to enjoy its use in my membership capacity.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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July 27, 1977

Mr. Frederick E. Bauer, Jr.
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury St.
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Mr. Bauer:

Thank you for your help on the Andrew McFarland Davis matter. I am trying some other avenues before trying to make a genealogical investigation.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

American Antiquarian Society

185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609 U.S.A.

July 18, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Not much information is available on the family of Andrew McFarland Davis. We have discovered and re-discovered what you probably already know:

1) He was nephew of George Bancroft and son of Governor John Davis.

2) His brother Horace and he were engaged in business in California for a time. (Horace was active in business in California and was President of Stanford and of University of California).

3) Andrew's children were:
 Bancroft G. Davis - Boston - Harvard Class 1885
 Horace A. Davis - Brookline - Harvard Class 1891
 Mrs. Charles R. Sanger (Eleanor) - Cambridge
 Mrs. Thomas R. Watson (Frederica K.) - Cambridge

4) Andrew had a grandchild:
 Hallowell Davis - Harvard Class 1918

This skimpy evidence suggests that you should contact the Harvard Alumni Office and the Archivist of Stanford University for more information.

I regret that this is of little help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick E. Bauer, Jr.
Associate Librarian

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A NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS TO THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

The editor of the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* welcomes contributions of articles to be considered for publication. The *Proceedings* publishes articles within the general field of American history and culture through 1876, with a particular emphasis on the publication of bibliographies, primary sources, and other basic tools for scholarship. The journal is an appropriate medium for the publication of pieces of medium length, that is between that of the usual journal article and that of a book.

An author should submit two copies of his work, retaining a third for himself. This policy is designed to facilitate the circulation of the article to appropriate referees.

Basic style for footnotes, abbreviations, punctuation, etc., should conform to the guidelines set out in the latest edition of the University of Chicago Press's *A Manual of Style*. Note, however, that the *Proceedings* uses single quotation marks in place of double and prefers the month-day-year order for dates (e.g., February 21, 1743, rather than 21 February 1743).

The authors of articles, excepting short bibliographical or other notes, obituaries, etc., receive twenty-five offprints with the compliments of the Society. They may, if they wish, order additional copies at printer's cost.

As a condition of publication, the Society requires authors to assign copyright, which vests in them initially under the Copyright Law of 1976, to the Society.

The *Proceedings* is produced under a 'page-proofs only' system. The printer, which is The Stinehour Press of Lunenburg, Vermont, supplies both editor and

authors with page proofs only; neither has an opportunity to make corrections in galley proofs. This plan, which was adopted in the interest of economy and efficiency, places a great burden on both author and editor to insure that every article is accurate and uniform in style *before* it goes to the printer. For this reason the following procedures have been instituted:

1) Once the readers have recommended publication, the editor will edit the manuscript thoroughly, settle on typographic design with the printer, and return the manuscript to the author. If necessary, the editor may require that the manuscript be retyped to make it perfectly legible, with any costs to be borne by the author.

2) The author should treat this edited manuscript (or the retyped copy that he may be asked to submit) as if it were a set of galley proofs. He should check all quotations, authenticate all facts, and satisfy all his afterthoughts concerning the work. The copy the author returns to the editor should be as free of errors and inconsistencies of style as possible. The author, not the editor or the Society, is ultimately responsible for the accuracy of his piece.

3) Any illustrations or captions should be thoroughly checked and desired location in relation to text indicated.

4) Both the editor and author will have the opportunity to read page proofs. Any author's alterations made in page proofs will be paid for by the author, at the printer's prevailing rate. It should be recalled that corrections in pages are expensive.

5) Authors should adhere to the production schedule outlined by the editor.

John B. Hench, Editor
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

September 1978

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 13, 1978

Reader Services
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Avenue
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Friends:

I am a member of the Society and need some information as to when

E. HOWARD & CO.

was doing business as a scalemaker in Boston.

The full name is Edward Howard.

He was in a partnership called Howard & Davis in 1851, manufacturing fire engines, clocks and weighing devices.

An early date of Howard's work, I am told, is about 1840. I don't know when he began.

He could have operated as E. Howard & Co. either before or after Howard & Davis.

Your Boston city directories ought to solve most of the problem, but if you have anything about him in your archives I would be most interested.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 7, 1978

Ms. Nancy H. Burkett
Readers' Services
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury St.
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Ms. Burkett:

This is a letter of appreciation for your information on Edward Howard. I was able to locate and obtain the pamphlet on the bulletin issued by the Watch and Clock Collectors.

The information I needed was set out. Does your library have any information on Laban Heath of Boston who published Heath's Counterfeit Detector in various editions from 1864 through 1889? I am fully familiar with his books but wondered whether you had any personal data, biographical matter, correspondence or the like.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609 U.S.A.

November 27, 1978

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

In the fall it is customary for the Treasurer to write a year-end letter as a reminder to those of you who prefer to make gifts at the conclusion of the calendar year.

Because my concerns are chiefly with the financial well-being of the Society, I can report to you that we are close to reaching our goal of $855,000 needed to match our challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. More than 2,000 members, friends, corporations, and foundations have responded in an extraordinarily generous fashion to bring this about.

I want to thank each of you who has contributed in any way to support the Society in this effort.

At this writing we are $50,000 short of our goal. May I ask you to consider an increase when you are making your annual gift this year in order that we may meet our challenge by June 30, 1979. You can be certain that your assistance will be deeply appreciated.

With all best wishes for the holidays and the coming year,

Sincerely,

Bruce G. Daniels

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The Worcester Association of Mutual Aid in Detecting Thieves

Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman

is a member in good standing
for the year 1980.

Clerk



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 27, 1981

American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Avenue
Worcester, MA 01609

Gentlemen:

I would like to recommend for membership in the American Antiquarian Society Q. David Bowers, Box 1224, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. His achievements in writing and historical research in my opinion qualify him for membership. The fields in which he has been working are American numismatics and world-wide antique automatic musical instruments.

The books which he has written in the musical instrument field are "Encyclopedia of Automatic Musical Instruments" (1972) designated by the American Library Association as one of the best books of the year, "Put Another Nickel In"(1966) and "Treasures of Mechanical Music" (1980).

In the numismatic field his outstanding work is "The History of United States Coinage as Illustrated by the Garrett Collection". He has written many newspaper columns in numismatics and many other books and articles. His "Coins and Collectors" (1965) and "Adventures With Rare Coins" are well recognized writings.

Q. David Bowers has been an outstanding commercial success in the numismatic field as well.

I believe the fact that he lives in the vicinity of your organization is another advantageous factor.

I would suggest that you have some others look into his qualifications to see if I am correct in the soundness of my recommendation. I will, of course, be glad to obtain and submit such further data as might be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609 U.S.A.

2 June 1981

Dear Mr. Newman:

Many thanks for your letter of May 27th suggesting Q. David Bowers of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, as a suitable candidate for membership in AAS. I will see that your letter goes before the Membership Committee at the first opportunity. Unfortunately, your letter arrived about a week after we circulated the present list of candidates to the Committee which will meet at the end of this week. Mr. Bowers' name will not come before the Committee for another six months.

I am grateful to you for your thoughtful interest in AAS and hope that we can get you back to Worcester one of these days.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Marcus A. Mc[illegible]rison
Director and Librarian

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

M:A

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

January 17, 1984

Ms. Georgia B. Bumgardner
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Ms. Bumgardner:

Thank you so much for the Sergeant Hall data. The date coincides perfectly. I will follow up your lead.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

June 1, 1984

Mr. Marcus A. McCorison
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Avenue
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Marc:

In the talk I am scheduled to give on Wednesday, June 13, 1984, I will have a group of slides. I assume you will have a projector with remote control line, one carousel and an appropriate screen.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
AND
SECRETARY

March 25, 1987

Mr. Marcus McCorrison
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Avenue
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Marc:

I would like to suggest and recommend that Julian I. Edison of St. Louis, Missouri, be elected as a member of the American Antiquarian Society.

I believe you already know Julian I. Edison, but I would like to mention a few facts concerning his eligibility.

He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1929, was graduated from Harvard College in 1951, and was graduated from Harvard School of Business Administration in 1953. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.

He has enjoyed book collecting as an intellectual pursuit since 1950. His interests as a bibliophile include American and European first editions, fine bindings and, as a major specialty, miniature books. He has the largest collection of miniature books in the world. He has written, edited and published Miniature Book News from 1965 through 1983, and soon plans to resume its publication.

If there are any other facts I can furnish, I will be glad to do so, including that he happens to be my brother-in-law.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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bc: Julian I. Edison

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

185 SALISBURY STREET · WORCESTER · MASSACHUSETTS 01609-1634 · U.S.A.

30 March 1987

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter of March 25th recommending your brother-in-law, Julian I. Edison, for membership in the American Antiquarian Society. I will be happy to pass along your letter to the membership committee when they meet next in June. I should warn you, however, that sometimes the process takes some time before any action occurs.

We very much appreciate your interest in the Society and hope that you can get back here more frequently to work at the library or to attend AAS meetings.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Marcus A. McCorison
Director and Librarian

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
Post Office Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

M:P

TELEPHONE 617-755-5221

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Sincerely yours,

Marcus A. McCorison
Director and Librarian

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
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St. Louis, Missouri 63178

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Don't get panicky, they play hard to get.

Eric

TELEPHONE 617-755-5221

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

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24 July 1987

Dear Eric:

This interesting exchange of correspondence caused me to think that perhaps Mr. Guelker might possibly be worth looking into as a member of AAS. Do you know him? I would be interested to your reaction to this.

We have not forgotten Mr. Edison and hope that your nomination will move along smartly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Marcus A. McCorison
Director and Librarian

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

M:P

TELEPHONE 617-755-5221

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 10, 1987

Mr. Marcus A. McCorison
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Marc:

I am glad to answer your 24 July 1987 letter.

I know Francis T. Guelker and he was kind enough to bind a book for my grandchild in beautiful marbled paper he made. He is a devoted bibliophile. He has a fine collection. He is an expert in marbling paper, binding books, decorating books, book history, etc. He is retired and devotes full time to being a bookworm noncommercially. He has qualifications to be an excellent member.

If you need more information, please feel free to ask me.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

185 SALISBURY STREET · WORCESTER · MASSACHUSETTS 01609-1634 · U.S.A.

13 August 1987

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your note of August 10th concerning Mr. Gulker. I will see that he gets on the list of possible members.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Marcus A. McCorison
Director and Librarian

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

M:A

TELEPHONE 617-755-5221

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

185 SALISBURY STREET · WORCESTER · MASSACHUSETTS 01609-1634 · U.S.A.

February 10, 1988

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Secretary
Edison Foundation
501 North Broadway
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please send me a copy of your annual report and any other brochures you publish that contain information concerning your application guidelines. I recently assumed the position of Development Officer at the American Antiquarian Society. Having grown up in St. Louis, I am aware of the Edison Foundation and its generosity. I know I need not tell you why the Society and its unique library are worthy of the Edison Foundation's support, for you are an AAS member.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Perhaps I will have the pleasure of meeting you in Atlanta in April. The semiannual meeting agenda is a most interesting one, and I hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Lynnette Sodha

Lynnette Sodha
Development Officer

LS:njt

TELEPHONE 617-755-5221

HARRY EDISON FOUNDATION

OFFICE:
501 NORTH BROADWAY
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63102

MAIL ADDRESS:
P. O. BOX 14020
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63178

February 18, 1988

Ms. Lynnette Sodha
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Street
Worcester, MA 01609-1634

Dear Ms. Sodha:

It is nice to have a St. Louisan as development officer for the American Antiquarian Society.

We have no application guidelines and do not publish any reports for distribution. You are, therefore, free to submit whatever material you wish.

I personally recognize the uniqueness of your library and wish I could have the opportunity to use it more. We have supported the Mercantile Library Association of St. Louis which is a very important history library. Our support is usually local where there are similar facilities to those in other parts of the country.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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American Antiquarian Society

185 SALISBURY STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01609-1634

July 16, 1998

Mr. Q. David Bowers
Bowers and Merena Galleries, Inc.
P. O. Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 1224

Dear Mr. Bowers:

Thank you for enclosing your dollar bill with your request for information on searching the AAS catalogues via the Internet. I am enclosing information that I hope you will find helpful. If you have problems, please do let me know. Please note that the holdings statement for the Catalog of American Engravings is not valid. Library identifiers are in the records for each engraving.

I am happy to send you information on the Worcester Association for Mutual Aid in Detecting Thieves, the "friends" group of the AAS. Membership in the Society itself is by election. Members are encouraged to nominate individuals who will support the Society; you could talk to Eric Newman about this process.

Finally, are you acquainted with Fred Bauer? He was the Associate Librarian here for many years and has fond (I hope) memories of AAS. He too is a member of the Society.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Georgia Barnhill

Georgia B. Barnhill
Andrew W. Mellon Curator
of Graphic Arts

Fax 508 753-3311
e-mail gbb@mwa.org

American Antiquarian Society

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INTRODUCTION TO THE AAS ONLINE CATALOGS FOR INTERNET USERS

Welcome to the American Antiquarian Society's online catalogs. To assist you in the use of our online catalogs, we have put together this brief introduction, describing how to reach the catalogs, outlining the contents of the four catalogs, and providing a summary guide to searching.

You may access the AAS catalog either through the AAS gopher or by using the telnet command to connect directly to the Society's computer. **VT100 terminal emulation is recommended for effective use of the catalogs.** The AAS computer address is **mark.mwa.org**; you may telnet directly to this address, or may access our gopher at this address (URL = **gopher://mark.mwa.org/**) and select the menu item **Search the Online Catalogs <TEL>**. Type **guest** at the login prompt (no password is required). Then select the catalog you wish to use from the menu.

There are several exciting features and many indexes available to you. As you become more familiar with searching techniques, you will want to explore the variety of search possibilities and experiment with the command which permits you to create a list of records and e-mail it to yourself.

The staff at AAS are eager to assist you. We hope that this introductory packet is helpful and that you will ask questions whenever you need assistance. Comments and suggestions on the catalog and this guide are likewise welcome, and should be sent to Alan N. Degutis: and@mwa.org or ggb@mwa.org

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July 21, 1998

Ms. Georgia B. Barnhill
American Antiquarian Society
185 Salisbury Street
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Dear Ms. Barnhill:

Thank you so much for your nice letter of July 16 and the enclosures. I am enclosing a check for $50 as a "starter" to join the "friends" group. I will send a copy of your letter and my reply to our mutual friend, Eric P. Newman, and possibly if he is so motivated he might nominate me for membership. He has known me since the mid-1950s.

I do not believe I know Fred Bauer, but I may know him by site not by name.

I may have mentioned that 10 or 15 years ago I purchased a very large number of books that had been held by the American Antiquarian Society but were dated *after* 1876. These included bound runs of quite a few sale publications, some of which are rare or unique, such as *Five-and-Ten Cent Journal* (perhaps not the exact title—the volumes are at home and I am writing this at the office), a trade journal for five and dime stores.

I look forward to visiting the Society. My daughter-in-law, Dr. Susan Zwiezig, is an Ob-Gyn on the staff of the Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, and she and my son (collectively known as Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Bowers, although Susan uses her Dr. Zwiezig name in her practice), have just purchased a avery nice home in Shrewsbury.

Sincerely,

Q. David Bowers
QDB/rsm
cc: Eric P. Newman with enclosures as noted
Enclosure: Check and application to be forwarded to the appropriate parties

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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